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To The Senators re tafe funding,

It is with real sadness that I write this email. I have had the absolute privilege to work with indigenous students. During this time I have built friendships that continue until today and recently spent time with three girls, two whom were going to go to NSW Tafe this year. Then they found out that the course they wanted to enrol in had now been all but privatised in the public Tafe and the exorbitant fee that was attached to this course made a dream for two young people unattainable.

This, I believe is replicated in most states now and no help is given to indigenous students, whom have had enough to endure in their young lives. Money such as \$5000.00 is only a dream to any teenager without financial backing and rarely in Aboriginal teenagers.

So an enquiry into where my taxes are used should be open, honest and with the highest of intention to enlighten those whom have been left out of the loop. They should see fault and have it rectified so more young people don't see study as only for the privileged but for all.

Oh and also I lost my job with indigenous students because funding was also cut to schools.

Kay Hughes